

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, November 26,  
1790, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Fredericksburg Novr. 26. 1790.

Dear Sir

Since my appointment I have not before had leasure to acknowledge the rect. Of your obliging favor from Monticello. The arrangment of my business in the different courts, & other affairs, has given me full employment & detain'd me so long that it will be difficult to reach Phila. by the day appointed for the meeting of the Congress. This however I shall attempt & for this purpose sit out hence on Monday, unless detain'd by bad weather wh. threatens much at present. I shod. most chearfully accept yr. kind offer to procure us lodgings upon our first arrival; if we were deetermin'd to proceed in the first instance to Phila; but tis probable we may call upon a Mr. Chs. Willing an uncle by marriage of Mrs. Monroe, where she may remain a few days, untill I shall be able to procure the necessary accomodation. If this shod. not be the case I shall proceed to the city tavern, from whence I shall soon be able to find you, to avail myself of yr. aid to better our situation. Mrs. House's wod. be our object, but we shod. only interfere with her interest, by excluding for the time more permanent lodgers. I believe we will take the rout of annapolis & the Eastern shore. I hope to reach Phila. on Sunday evening. I am sincerely your friend & servant,

Jas. Monroe

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